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Ted Bundy. John Wayne Gacy. Jeffrey Dahmer. The names of notorious serial killers are usually well-known; they echo in the news and in public consciousness. But most people have never heard of Israel Keyes, one of the most ambitious and terrifying serial killers in modern history. The FBI considered his behavior unprecedented. Described by a prosecutor as "a force of pure evil," Keyes was a predator who struck all over the United States. He buried "kill kits"--cash, weapons, and body-disposal tools--in remote locations across the country. Over the course of fourteen years, Keyes would fly to a city, rent a car, and drive thousands of miles in order to use his kits. He would break into a stranger's house, abduct his victims in broad daylight, and kill and dispose of them in mere hours. And then he would return home to Alaska, resuming life as a quiet, reliable construction worker devoted to his only daughter.

When journalist Maureen Callahan first heard about Israel Keyes in 2012, she was captivated by how a killer of this magnitude could go undetected by law enforcement for over a decade. And so began a project that consumed her for the next several years--uncovering the true story behind how the FBI ultimately caught Israel Keyes, and trying to understand what it means for a killer like Keyes to exist. A killer who left a path of monstrous, randomly committed crimes in his wake--many of which remain unsolved to this day.

American Predator is the ambitious culmination of years of interviews with key figures in law enforcement and in Keyes's life, and research uncovered from classified FBI files. Callahan takes us on a journey into the chilling, nightmarish mind of a relentless killer, and to the limitations of traditional law enforcement.

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megs_bookrack says

Read. This. Book. You must read this book.

Below is literally my face upon completion:

You want to feel this way whilst reading a true crime, don't you??? I mean, don't you!?

Quite honestly, this is by far one of the **most disturbing** books that I have ever read.

American Predator is a nonfiction account of the capture and subsequent investigation of serial killer, Israel Keyes.

Fortunately for the reader, this is much more than a droll portrayal of one monster's heinous crimes. Callahan creates a compelling recounting of the investigation of his case, beginning with his final kill and going backward through time.

I thought this was a clever formatting choice by the author. It made the story seem more like you were part of the investigation versus starting at the beginning of his life and moving forward that way.

Reading about Israel was completely disturbing for me. Here was a man, a contemporary of mine, born in the same year, and to walk through his crimes was shocking.

The fact that he traveled extensively in the state where I was living at the time was the icing on the cake.

His level of arrogance, yet ability to plan, and to leave no evidence was bone-chilling. He used his knowledge of surveillance and technology to constantly fly under the radar.

Making this even more disturbing was the seemingly random selection of his victims. There's so much more but I don't want to give anything away.

In short, read this book.

Jeffrey Keeten says

"Payne and Bell recognized Keyes' threat as the mind control of an experienced criminal. Payne had learned it at Quantico and heard variations in countless confessions.

‘You’ll regret it.’ ‘I’ll hurt you.’

Neither is: ‘I’ll kill you,’ and that gives a victim hope. The best criminals always leave that window open, because it makes manipulating and controlling someone so much easier. And victims often believe, fatally, that they’ll be let go.”

You are looking in the eyes of a stone cold killer.

Israel Keyes is certainly the most terrifying serial killer that you have never heard of. There are a lot of reasons why he has flown under the radar of the general public and most true crime fans. One is the FBI never extracted a full confession from him. Two, the police screw up so many things regarding Keyes while keeping him in custody and while processing his crimes that no one is crowing about the Big, Bad Monster that has been apprehended. Through incompetence, he is allowed to commit suicide before his victims can all be identified (Jeffrey Epstein-esque). *“He [Keyes] covered them; even in death, he said, his victims belonged to him.”* Keyes may have never revealed all of his victims, but with adequate handling, he certainly would have most likely revealed more than what will ever be known.

”Not all psychopaths are serial killers, but all serial killers are psychopaths.”

I can get lost down a long and winding rabbit hole discussing all the functioning psychopaths among us. Some of you are married to them or have been married to them. They make really successful, ruthless businessmen, lawyers, and bankers. They focus well on objectives, and morality is something they find to be a laughable concept, though on the surface they appear to be pillars of the community.

Keyes is a meticulous killer and operates without detection for fourteen years. He maintains a family unit, which is unusual. He is self described as two people. One is the man everyone expects him to be, and the other takes pleasure in torturing, raping, and killing people. This story starts at the end because that is where Keyes wants to begin. He is willing to talk about the one that tripped him up and dangle the possibility of others.

As the story unfolds, I keep thinking to myself that he makes some fundamental errors that are unlike him. Has he let the need, the desire to kill, build up too much that it makes him break his own rules? He certainly doesn’t strike me as the typical serial killer who is bored at not being caught and finally wants to bask in the limelight of his notoriety, like for instance the BTK Killer, Dennis Rader. Keyes even makes a point of wanting things kept out of the press for fear that his daughter will learn that her father is a monster. Keyes lives in Alaska and is always careful to drive down to the lower 48 to relieve his need to kill. The don’t-shit-where-you-live concept. He leaves kill kits buried all over the country that consist of cash, body disposal items, and weapons. I’m sure some of those are still out there, awaiting a man who will never return.

Keyes’s parents are both religious nutters. He even describes them as “cult shoppers” who moved all over the country trying to find that new sect of religion that better fit their own beliefs. This criss crossing of the country may be why Keyes feels so comfortable travelling through multiple states, looking for the perfect victims. When his mother is questioned for information, she tells the authorities: *“‘Well,’ Heidi said, ‘if God wants that girl to be found, she’ll be found.’”* *sigh*

I can feel my whole body tensing when they finally pull over Israel Keyes in Texas for a routine traffic violation, but really they have an inkling that he is a man most wanted in Alaska. The description of the scene is so nerve wracking that I am muttering to myself, “Don’t let him go. Find a way to arrest him.” They

don't want to give a judge any excuse to let this guy walk. Maureen Callahan does an excellent job of making me forget that I know what I know in the moment. I'm one of those readers, though, who can read about the assassination of Lincoln and still be rooting for someone, anyone, to step in the way of Booth's unalterable bullet. Alas, Lincoln always dies, and I will always still feel his passing acutely.

So why does Keyes do it? "**Why not?**" is his answer.

The frustrating part of the book and for the writer is all the unanswered questions to which we will probably never know the answers. His interrogation is handled with a high degree of ineptitude, and he frequently makes his questioners look stupid. Keyes is unique and doesn't care about credited kills, unlike most other serial killers who brag about their deeds. This makes it much harder to deal with him or negotiate with him. He keeps control. He is the grand manipulator and constantly turns the tables on those trying to solicit any information from him. All he is concerned about is when they will execute him. When they can't do that right, he controls that as well.

This is a fascinating look into the criminal justice system and the inherent issues that need to be resolved. It is truly amazing that the most dangerous criminals with any degree of intelligence are ever caught.

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Julie says

American Predator: The Hunt for the Most Meticulous Serial Killer of the 21st Century by Maureen Callahan is a Viking publication.

When I first noticed this book, the crime didn't ring any bells for me. As the blurb stated most of us had never heard of Israel Keyes. As far I knew, this was a true crime story I had heard nothing about. But, after reading several positive reviews from my Goodreads peers, my curiosity was piqued, so I added it to the pile.

The book opens in Alaska, with a harrowing scene, in which a teenage girl is kidnapped, her fate obviously precarious. The girl's father immediately swings into action, collecting reward money for any information about his daughter. However, some of his actions raised a few eyebrows and he quickly became law enforcement's first person of interest.

Meanwhile, Israel Keyes, was moving far, far away from Alaska. Eventually he was pulled over by the cops in Texas, leading to his arrest for murder. It would soon come to light that Israel Keyes had a long history of rape and murder-possibly dating back as far as 1996.

Callahan follows the investigation from Alaska to Texas and back again. Readers get to see what challenges law enforcement faced, including jockeying for position, jurisdiction issues, and politics.

Not only that, judging from the intense interrogations, the investigation was far from pretty. It was a very complex and complicated situation, to be sure. Despite that, the monster was caught- although it was mostly pure luck.

The story was definitely absorbing, and Keyes' background was truly shocking. But, as the manhunt transitioned to Texas, I was stunned to learn that Keyes had planned his crime so carefully, he had even created a cunning escape route through Texas well in advance. Not only that, one of the spots on this journey through Texas just happened to be in the town I reside in. What? For the life of me, I could not recall hearing anything about this. So, I quickly did a Google search and sure enough, back in 2012 Keyes passed through

my little town.

Not only that, he made a pit stop at a state park about thirty miles away, where he had nearly chosen his next victim. The woman was walking a large dog and Keyes ultimately decided that disposing of both a dead body and a large dead dog was too much of a hassle.

In my defense, this did happen eight years ago, and I've slept since then. However, now I do vaguely remember hearing about a serial killer marking out our town on a map while planning his escape route. While we may have been spared any of Keyes' evil doings, investigators are positive that Keyes probably did take someone while he was in Texas.

I guess you never know how close to true evil we are at any given time.

But- I digress-

Overall, this is a spine-tingling true crime saga. Although Keyes never became a household name like other serial killers of his caliber, he was every bit as chilling and terrifying. The man was an enigma, a kind of hybrid serial killer, who failed to fit into a neat profile. He was cunning and as the title states- meticulous! Truly the stuff nightmares are made of!

True Crime enthusiasts will not want to miss this one!

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